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Blanco in, Gelei out

Raul Blanco left Melita Eagles on Monday to replace Joe Gelei as coach of St George.

Blanco, 37, has been given the task of lifting St George off the bottom of the PSL table.

Blanco came up through the ranks of Racing Club in Argentina and had five years with Argentine second Division club Arsenal before coming to Australia to join Sydney club Prague in 1972.

After six years at Prague, he had four years with Pan Hellenic (Sydney Olympic), as a player, assistant to coach Rale Rasic and then as senior coach.

Blanco joined Melita Eagles and took them to promotion to First Division.

Partizan here in June

Partizan Belgrade, six times champion of Yugoslavia and four times winner of the Yugoslav Cup, will tour Australia in June.

Some of the four matches may be against the Socceroos.

The games are in Melbourne on June 24, Adelaide on June 27, Newcastle on June 29 and Sydney on July 1.

New leader for juniors

Mr Brian Emery has been appointed full-time youth development officer by the Australian Soccer Federation.

He will co-ordinate youth, school and junior soccer throughout Australia.

Mr Emery has wide experience in junior and amateur soccer, having served as secretary and president of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation and as secretary of the Australian Junior Council.

He is associated with NSW club Daa Why.

McPherson, Bozikas, Palinkas

Four members of the national squad announced last week have been unable to attend the current training camp at Dural.

They are Joe Piscione, Theo Siermidis, Mark Jankovic (injured) and John Nyskohou (business commitments). They will attend the next camp but meanwhile they have been replaced by Bob McPherson (Melita Eagles), Joe Palinkas (Footscray), John Coyne (Brisbane City) and Andrew Bozikas (Heidelberg).

Cirkovic resigns

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Incentive to beat Norwich

Any State that beats Norwich City this month will receive prizemoney of \$4000 from Norwich Union Insurance.

Norwich will get \$1000 each time it beats an Australian opponent.

If Norwich City wins all its tour matches, it will get an extra \$4000 incentive bonus and if all the States beat Norwich, each State will get an extra \$1000.

The series will be called the \$30,000 Norwich Union Challenge.

It is the first time that a prizemoney has been made available for a tour by a single club.

Norwich's itinerary is: May 13 v. WA in Perth; May 16 v. SA in Adelaide; May 20 v. Victoria in Melbourne; May 22 v. Queensland in Brisbane; May 24 v. Newcastle KB Utd in Newcastle; May 27 v. NSW in Sydney.

Ban on imports



Footscray J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Dennis Boland is the first player to gain a 10-point rating in this year's "Soccer Action" Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year Award (see page 4). Boland is pictured (right) blocking a shot by John Nyskohou (left) at Olympic Park on Sunday. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

RAMPANTI HURT

APIA Leichhardt president Nick Papallo has angrily denied a report in last week's "Soccer Action" that Rosario Rampanti walked off the field during the game against Canberra for no reason. Mr Papallo made it clear that Rampanti left the field because he was injured.

The wholesale importation of players from overseas will almost certainly be banned by an Australian Soccer Federation executive meeting in July.

The meeting will discuss a suggestion that from next season there should be no transfers to Australia except by players granted permanent residency by the Immigration Department.

This would stop the flow of imports on temporary visas.

A total of 390 such players entered Australia from November 1, 1977 to October 31, 1978, and a further 179 arrived from November 1, 1978 to March 31, 1979.

More than three quarters came from Britain.

The ASF is expected to bring these figures to the attention of the Immigration Department which is likely to clamp down on this player traffic.

Players on temporary visas are not allowed to work in Australia. However, they obviously do work, for they do not earn enough from soccer.

The ASF is concerned that imports are preventing many local players from playing senior soccer — not only in the Philips and State Leagues but also in lower divisions populated by imports no longer good enough for top-grade soccer.

In cutting off the flow of imports, the ASF will make special provision for bona fide "star" guest players on short-term contracts — men in the category of Malcolm Macdonald, Charlie George, Mimis Papaiouannou and Zdravko Borovnic who have played on loan to South Melbourne, St George, Heidelberg and Footscray respectively.

Meanwhile, a sub-committee will report back to the ASF in July on proposed rules designed to gradually phase out ethnic club names throughout Australia.

A decision on Australia's Olympic Games participation has been deferred pending a visit by ASF president Sir Arthur George and secretary Brian Le Feuvre to FIFA headquarters in Zurich this month.

In a further development, the ASF has agreed in principle to allow the PSL to send two delegates to ASF executive meetings to express opinions but not to vote.

And PSL leaders, meeting with Sir Arthur George, said that in future, they want the PSL to have an independent chairman, rather than one who is from a member club. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Hi, Martin

Norwich City's England international Martin Peters arrives in Melbourne at 9.35 am on Tuesday, May 8, to play for Victorian State League club Frankston City. He will be on flight SQ83.



It's Victoria's title: Curran

Victorian youth coach Bill Curran has named a powerful squad which he is sure will win the national under 18 championship next month.

The championship will be played in Melbourne from May 14 to 19.

The Victorian squad is:

Ernie Toth, goalkeeper, Melbourne, State under 18 representative in 1977; Sean Keogh, goalkeeper, Waverley City;

Peter Scarlett, full back, South Melbourne Hellas, State under 18 player last year;

Robert Traficante, full back, Essendon City, under 16 representative in 1978;

the year he won the Weinstein Mead as the most promising under 16 player in Victoria;

Sean Parton, utility player, Dandenong City;

Paul Drinoczyk, centre back, Melbourne, State under 19 player in 1978;

Steve Blair, centre back, Altona Lay;

Kosepe Angeles, centre back, Juventus;

Oscar Crino, midfielder, Juventus, under 16 rep last year;

Charlie Yankos, midfielder, Heidelberg City;

United, State under 15 rep in 1978, under 16 in 1977, under 19 and Australian Schoolboys rep last year;

Socrates Nicolaidis, utility player, South Melbourne Hellas, under 16 rep last year;

Elmon Beamish, midfielder, South Melbourne Hellas;

Tom Vukovic, striker, Melbourne;

Mike Loh, striker, Hakoah, State under 19 player last year;

George Christopoulos, midfielder or sweeper, South Melbourne Hellas, State under 19 and Australian Schoolboys rep last year;

Elton Belic, striker, Footscray J.U.S.T.

Yankos and Christopoulos toured North America with the Australian Schoolboys team last year.

Christopoulos is a regular in Hellas' Phillips League team.

Nicolaidis and Belic also have PSL experience, with Steve Blair and Mike Loh are regular State League players.

Drinoczyk and Vukovic are first-team players in the First Division.

Scarlett and Yankos, both through Toth, although currently No. 2 to John Kennedy at Melbourne, also has a lot of experience in the senior team.

Scarlett, Nicolaidis and Beamish play

for Hellas' Second Division team while Yankos is in Heidelberg's Second Division side.

Traficante plays senior soccer for Essendon City in the Fourth Division.

Curran, who has led the Victorian under 18s to numerous national titles, has a host of combinations for his team.

The strongest would appear to be: Toth

— Nicolaidis, Drinoczyk, Blair, Traficante — Yankos, Christopoulos, Crino

— Loh, Belic, Vukovic.

Groupings for the national championships:

GROUP A: A.C.T., South Australia, Western Australia, Northern NSW.

GROUP B: Victoria, NSW, Queensland, Tasmania.

Group matches will be played at Monash University and semi-finals and final at Olympic Park.

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FOREST CLEARS THE COLOGNE HURDLE

Two moments of magic from Tommy Hansson and Ian Bowyer sent Sweden's Malmö and English champion Nottingham Forest through to the final of the European Cup last week.

EUROPEAN CUP

In Malmö: MALMÖ (Sweden) 1. AUSTRIA WIEN (Austria) 0. (Halftime 0-0).

Scorer: Tommy Hansson (48th min). Attendance: 25,239.

Malmö qualified for final 1-0 on aggregate.

In Cologne: FC COLOGNE (West Germany) 0 NOTTINGHAM FOREST (England) 1. (Halftime 0-0).

Scorer: Ian Bowyer (65th min). Attendance: 60,000.

Nottingham Forest qualified for final 43 on aggregate.

CUP WINNERS' CUP

In Ostrava, Czechoslovakia: BANIK OSTRAVA (Czechoslovakia) 2 FORTUNA DUSSELDORF (West Germany) 1. (Halftime 0-1).

Scorers — Banik: Licka, Antalik; Fortune: Zewe. Attendance: 33,000.

Fortune qualified for final 4-3 on aggregate.

In Beveren: BEVEREN (Belgium) 0 BARCELONA (Spain) 1. (Halftime 0-0).

Scorer: Hans Kranki (penalty). Attendance: 22,000.

Barcelona qualified for final 2-0 on aggregate.

EUROPEAN FOOTBALL UNION CUP

In West Berlin: HERTHA BERLIN (West Germany) 2 RED STAR BELGRADE (Yugoslavia) 1 (Halftime 2-0).

Scorers — Hertha: Beer, Sidka; Red star: Sestic. Attendance: 70,000.

Aggregate scorer 2-2: Red star qualified for final on away-goal rule.

In Moenchengladbach: BORUSSIA MOENCHENG-LADBACH (West Germany) 4 MSV DUISBURG (West Germany) 1 Halftime 1-0.

Scorers, Borussia: Simonsen 2, Kulik, Lienen; Duisburg: Buessers. Attendance 15,000.

Borussia won 6-3 on aggregate.

The history of the 23-year-old competition, Europe's richest club prize, has been littered with thrilling encounters, and the two semi final clashes were packed with excitement and tension.

Forest, held to a 3-3 draw in Nottingham two weeks ago, was expected to be swept aside by a Cologne side roared forward by 60,000 West German fans.

But the English team, which knocked out the holder Liverpool in the opening round, refused to bend, with Bowyer snatching the vital goal in the 65th minute.

It was a dramatic evening for Bowyer who had stepped in as a late replacement for injured Scottish international Archie Gemmill.

Hansson's winning goal came three minutes after half time and was enough to give the unheralded Swedish champion a 1-0 aggregate victory over Austria Wien.

Sweden had known nothing like it since its national side reached the World Cup final against Brazil in 1958. Malmö's against Austria Wien, beaten finalists in last season's Cup Winners' Cup, once again experienced the bitter taste of defeat.

"Now we want to be the best team in Europe," a delighted Houghton said, but Forest has other ideas and will undoubtedly start favouring on May 30 in the Olympic Stadium at Munich.

A twice taken penalty, blazed home by ace Austrian striker Hans Kranki, put paid to the

hopes of Europe's other shock team, Beveren.

The tiny Belgian side had lost the first leg of its Cup Winners' Cup semi final 1-0 away to Spain's Barcelona but had hopes to turn the tables in Belgium.

A penalty by Carlos Rebach cost Beveren the match in Spain and Kranki's spot kick, two minutes from time, finally killed off the Belgians' hopes.

Barcelona's opponents in the final will be West Germany's Fortuna Düsseldorf, which lost to Czechoslovakia's Banik Ostrava but won the tie 4-3 on aggregate.

The Czechoslovaks, trailing 3-1 after the first leg two weeks ago, fell a further goal behind when Fortuna defended Gerd Zewe moved upfield to explode a superb 20 metre shot past Pavel Michalk.

Fortuna appeared in complete control but after the interval Banik swarmed forward with Werner Licker equalising in the 62nd minute.

Three minutes from time Augustin Antalik gave the Czechoslovaks a 2-1 lead and a chance to force extra-time but Düsseldorf clung on grimly for a 4-3 aggregate victory.

Another West German team, Borussia Moenchengladbach, qualified for the two-leg final of the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup, defeating MSV Duisburg.

Duisburg held Duisburg to a 2-2 draw in the first leg.

Borussia won the UEFA Cup in 1975, having lost in the 1973 final to Liverpool of England.

Alun Sestic, the Danish star who will be playing for Barcelona next season, gave Borussia a 1-0 half time lead and scored again in the 55th minute. He then set up the third goal for Kulik.

Duisburg scored in the 71st minute through Bueassers after a goal by Lienen completed Borussia's victory in the 82nd minute.

Hertha Berlin, the third West German team in the last four, looked set to join Borussia in the final, having built up a 2-0 half time lead over Red Star Belgrade of Yugoslavia.

Erich Beer and Wolfgang Sestic raised the hopes of the 70,000 West Berlin fans but Sestic dashed their spirits with a second half goal that levelled the aggregate score at 2-2 and squeezed the Yugoslavs through on the away goal rule.

Red Star won the first leg 1-0.

Red Star won the second leg 1-0.

Duncan McKay (extreme left, front row) with the Croatia (Vic) team of the early sixties. Standing, from left: Cudicini, Mike Kovacek, Bobby McLachlan, Besci, Frank Bot, Billy Vojtek, officials. Front: McKay, Brian Adlam, Hammy McMeekan, Ian Currie, Bill McIntyre, Joe Keenan, Horst Rau.

McKay: "I'll back my judgement, no matter what"

By KYLE PATTERSON

New South Melbourne coach Duncan McKay set himself two targets within hours of taking office.

The first was to strengthen his playing squad with two players — one a striker and the other a midfield general.

The second was to find the elusive winning formula so that his coachman's agreement with South Melbourne will turn into a long-term contract.

The second point is most important to McKay, who waited patiently on the sidelines for a chance to coach in the Philips League. First impressions are lasting and McKay wants to make a success of his initial stint as a national league coach.

"I was waiting for an offer like this to come along," said McKay, a perky and confident Scotsman.

"To be honest, I don't think the Victorian State team has a great future, so I set it out waiting for a chance to get into the PSL."

"I knew it would take a while before I got an offer. It's not my style to approach clubs, although many coaches operate that way. If you are good enough, the club will ask you, and you'll be around longer than the coach who goes to teams offering himself."

McKay added he would be most happy to stay with South Melbourne but realises that will depend on the club's future.

"My agreement with the club takes me to the end of the season," said Duncan. "In the meantime, I'll be using my own judgement and methods and if everything turns out all right I'll be happy and the club will be happy."

"But as in all ball games, anything can happen in soccer."

McKay places great importance on his mission to buy two players.

"Unfortunately I wasn't at South Melbourne at the start of the season, so I had to wait for a bad run to buy into the team the way I wanted. But the present situation doesn't allow me to start from scratch. The players I have are all professionals, and if I get two players my squad will have balance."

McKay said he hoped Evans would withdraw his transfer request and stay with the club.

"Alun is a great player," said Duncan. "We just can't afford to lose him."

McKay is in the hot seat at South Melbourne, but said pressure is a part of soccer.

"Pressure doesn't bother me," he said. "I'll back my judgement no matter what. I have my own ideas about coaching and will stick to them."

Talking about the pressure on South Melbourne players, Duncan said he was trying to relax them. "I've told the players to relax and enjoy their sport," he said.

"Too often when a team is doing well, the players tighten up. I want them to relax, but still be hurt when they lose."

"My players must be arrogant and I've told them so. Relax and play good soccer, but think that you are better than the other team and show them on the field. If players are arrogant they will be hurt by defeat."

McKay's first game in charge of South Melbourne was against Heidelberg Utd. in the Philips cup last Wednesday.

McKay was most pleased with

his team's performance, saying Souths had a moral victory.

"We dominated the game but didn't take our chance," he said. "From the reports I have received, it's the best the team has played for a while. The atmosphere in the dressing room is good and the players want to get on with the job."

"We must win a game quickly. The players' confidence needs boosting and I'm sure the team will get good results soon. They must believe in themselves."

McKay has helped place on two of his young players — Alan David-

son and George Christopoulos.

"Alan was the best player on the park by a mile," said Duncan. "George started off extremely well, although he faded later in the game. But these two are going to develop into top players."

McKay has coached John Hansen, Stuart Baxter and George Campbell before. These players were in the Victorian State team under McKay last season.

However, McKay will be working to get to know the rest of the South Melbourne players in the early weeks of his reign.

McKay has plenty of experience to fall back on. He played for Glasgow Celtic for 10 years after joining the club as a 17-year-old. He represented Scotland 13 times, including an historic game against Czechoslovakia in 1962 at Hampden Park which clinched World Cup qualification for the Scots.

He was player/coach of Croatia Melbourne in 1966 and stayed in Australia until 1972 when he returned to Scotland. He was a staff coach with Celtic for a season.

In 1974 he returned to Australia and coached Azzuri in Perth. Later he returned to Croatia for the 1977 season as coach.

In 1978 he coached Green Ajax.

"When I was appointed coach of South Melbourne," he said, "several Ajax officials came to wish me luck. That's important to me."

During his career, McKay played with the big-time stars of all time greats Dennis Law, Bobby Charlton, Ferenc Puskas and Jimmy Johnstone are just a few.

He played under the legendary Jack Stein, the former coach of Celtic, new manager of the Scottish national team.

How much did McKay learn from Stein, and how much of his style is incorporated in Duncan's coaching?

"Very little," said Duncan, which gives an idea of the man's approach to soccer. "A coach must have his own imagination and ideas, because it's his decisions which make or break him."

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NEWCASTLE KB	3	0	1	9	3	2	2	0	8	4	17
CANBERRA CITY	1	2	1	3	4	3	1	0	8	3	11
Adelaide City	1	1	2	3	5	3	1	0	11	6	14
Brisbane City	2	0	2	4	3	2	1	1	7	7	10
APIA-Leichhardt	2	0	2	4	5	2	1	1	2	2	7
Heidelberg Utd	2	1	1	6	4	1	1	2	4	5	10
West Adelaide	2	1	1	4	3	1	1	2	1	5	8
Footscray JUST	1	1	2	5	10	2	0	2	5	5	10
Sydney Olympic	2	0	2	5	4	1	0	3	4	5	9
Brisbane Lions	1	0	3	6	7	1	0	3	3	6	9
South Melbourne	1	1	2	4	6	0	0	4	0	14	4
St George	0	0	4	2	13	1	0	3	4	7	20

BP — Bonus points. TP — Total points

PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets: No. of appearances in this team.

BOLAND (1)
(Footscray)

PYE (1) (S. Melb.)	STARK (1) (Canberra)	S.O'CONNOR (3) (Syd. City)	DAVIDSON (1) (S. Melb.)
J. CAMPBELL (1) (H'berg.)	BOYLE (1) (W. Adel.)	DAVIES (3) (Canberra)	
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v HEIDELBERG. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8, McIntosh 6, Bell 8, Wilson 8, Ainslie 6, Cross 6, (Raskopoulos 7-45'), Laing 6, Rowden 5, Botham 6 (Scott 6-45th) Eaton 5, Jennings 6.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7, McMillan 7, Selomidis 7, (Prooney 7-12'), Provan 8, Tansey 7, Bannon 7, Taylor 7, Campbell 9, Bozakis 8, Cole 7, Buljevic 8.

WEST ADELAIDE 1 MARCONI 2. Ratings by Mendo Toutaids:

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7, Tymczyszyn 7, Reynolds 7, (Dooley), Kambas 8, Jones 7, Bozanic 7, Boyle 9, Honeyman 7, Pillans 6 (Zervas), Koamina 6, McGregor 7.

MARCONI: Maher 8, Brogan 7, Degney 7, Russell 7, Prakalo 7, Henderson 7, Byrne 6, Vieri 6 (Berry), Kracevic 8, Sharpe 8, Lindsay 7.

BRISBANE CITY 0 SYDNEY CITY 1. Ratings by Bruce Waddell:

BRISBANE CITY — Wishart 7, Perry 8 (Echeverria 65th), Potter 7, Ratcliffe 8, Wilkinson 7, Pimblett 6, Gaffney 7, Coyne 6 (sent off 40th), Caldwell 6 (sent off 89th), Kelso 8, Low 7.

SYDNEY CITY — Clarke 8, Souness 7, Thomson 7, O'Connor 8, Bruce 7, Stevenson 6, Barnes 7, Campbell 7, Borges 6, Smith 6, Webber 6.

NEWCASTLE 0 CANBERRA 2. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni:

NEWCASTLE: Dando 7 — Willis 8, Summerscales 6, Drinkwater 7, Curran 7, McClelland 6, Seddon 7 (McBreen 75th), Cowburn 7, Heys 6, Harris 6 (Tredinnick 7, 54th), Boden 8.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 8, Moulis 8, Brown 7, Stark 8, Milovanovic 8, Cant 7, Hogg 6 (Grujicic 65th), Salgado 6 (Kavaleva 76th), Davies 8, Byrne 8, Fielding 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 ST. GEORGE 0. Ratings by Bobby McLachlan:

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 6, Pye 9, Kalafatis 8, Baxter 8, Davidson 9, Wright 6, Christopoulos 6, Lutton 7, Drakeford 6, Evans 9, Utješenovic 8.

ST. GEORGE: Coe 9, Harris 6, Utješenovic 8, Gross 8, R.O'Shea 6, Matic 5, Barton 6, J.O'Shea 5, Katholos 6, Morgan 6, O'Connor 8.

FOOTSCRAY 0 ADELAIDE CITY 2. Ratings by Laurin Schwab:

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 10, Ristic 5, Kondaros 7, Jovic 5 (sent off 63rd), Lujic 8, Iloski 8, Jovanovic 5, Rujic 5 (Hazabent 5, half time), Pelinkas 7, Ollerton 5, Ristovski 5 (Belic 70th).

ADELAIDE CITY — Marshall 6, Dodds 8, Muir 8, Basie 8, Nyskohus 8, Perin 8, Muniz 7, Northcote 8, J. Nyskohus 9, Deans 9, Kerr 8.

APIA v WEST ADELAIDE. Ratings by Tony Raciti:

APIA: — Woodhouse 8, Skellern 7, Turnbull 8, Carruthers 7, Wilson 8, Pulien 7, Stone 6, Rampanti 8, Reed 6, Samuels 6 (Drews 48th min 7), Vernon 7.

BRISBANE LIONS: — Scanlon 7, Lawrie 7, Niven 6, Russell 7, Bennett 7, Hamilton 7, Hughes 6, Brennan 8, Wallace 7, Amos 6, Ontong 7.

Leading averages:

9.0 Boland (Footscray).

7.80 Jankovic (Marc).

7.8 Perry (BC), Crook (WA).

7.8 Muir, Deans (AC), Tokesai (BC), Clarke, S. O'Connor, Thomson (SC), Moler (SO).

7.6 Potter (BC), Davies (Ca), Prakalo, Sharpe (Marc), Raskopoulos (SO), Boyle (WA). 7.5 J. Nyskohus, Bear (AC), Hermiston (BL), Stark (Can), Pelinkas (Footscray), Heys (Newc), G. Byrne (Marc), Pye (SM).

7.4 Turnbull, Rampanti (APIA), Moulis, T. Byrne, Milovanovic (Can), Buljevic (H'berg), Summerscales, Boden (Newc), Krnecovic (Marc).

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Hellas and St George set to rise

It looks like a good week for the Philips League's bottom clubs, South Melbourne and St George.

Hellas, playing well under Duncan McKay, should notch its second successive victory against Footscray at Olympic Park and Saints, in their first game under new coach **Raul Blanco**, should have the motivation to beat injury-plagued West Adelaide at St George Stadium.

West Adelaide has lost key midfielders **Gordon McCulloch** and **Neil McGachey** in recent weeks.

McGachey suffered a badly broken leg in the Philips Cup game against Adelaide City on Anzac Day and McCulloch is out due to a cartilage operation.

Adelaide City coach **Rafa Rasic** expressed his club's concern for McGachey this week, saying: "We wish Neil a speedy recovery and extend our very best wishes. Adelaide City is willing to play in any benefit match West Adelaide may have to raise funds for him. It is a credit to the game."

The broken leg is as bad that McGachey will not play soccer again.

Brilliant Peter Boyle will try hard to compensate for McGachey's absence, as he did against Marconi last Sunday, but West Adelaide is finding it increas-

ingly difficult to score goals, despite the presence of **Jeff Konstantine**.

Given his performance by the brilliant Blanco, St George should hold on for at least a draw, if not a narrow victory.

Footscray will line up against South Melbourne without defender **Radoslav Jovicic**, who is suspended after being sent off against Adelaide City. It remains to be seen who will play centre back alongside Jim Kendro.

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It is now patently obvious that Footscray's expensive recruiting programme has been a dismal flop.

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Brisbane Lions v **NEWCASTLE KB UTD**, Perry Park, Sunday 3 pm.

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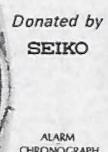
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3-0 to Hellas opponents

Games in which South Melbourne used Tony Turner before he was cleared from England have been treated as 3-0 victories over South's opponents in those matches.

The games were against Newcastle (2-1 to South) and Heidelberg (2-2).

The PSL executive, meeting in Sydney, decided to penalise South Melbourne three points and award 3-0 victories to South's opponents after consulting FIFA.

South Melbourne originally was penalised three points for using Turner before he was cleared or registered but the PSL reversed its decision the following week.

The ASF, which has the last word, reinstated the penalty and redistributed the points last Saturday.

The PSL ladder (page 4) has been adjusted accordingly.



A rejuvenated Mike Pye storms past opponent Phil O'Connor in the South Melbourne v. St. George match at Middle Park on Sunday. South Melbourne won 2-0. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Bannon delayed

Chelsea star **Emmon Bannon** has delayed his visit to Melbourne until June, so he will not be available as guest coach on the Australian Soccer Camps coaching clinics during the school holidays.

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Prahran College hopes to play for at least 50 hours.

The record attempt will take place at the Waverley City ground, in Sixth Avenue, Burwood, from May 14-16.

The match will be played without substitutions under FA rules.

The college hopes to raise \$10,000 to subsidise its sports team travel to Perth for the National Student Games in August, 1979.

Prahran has one of the best college soccer teams in Australia.

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COLLINGWOOD CITY 4 (Nicolaides 2, Tsitses 2) BOX HILL 1 (Cupidi).

BOX HILL: Morgan, White (ROODHOUSE), K. Patterson, Corke, Copeland (G. McLeod), L. McLeod, Taylor, Tsakalidis, Rames, Cupid, S. Patterson.

Speedy winger John Nicolaides left no doubt he is a player of class with a devastating display against Box Hill.

Nicolaides tore the Box Hill defence to shreds with his blistering pace and accuracy, often coupled with neat skills. Box Hill rallied the damage of Nicolaides early in the game, but there was little hope of stopping the explosive forward.

Nicolaides, the former Footscray star, had a field day as the Box Hill team played with little organisation. In defence there was hardly any covering, and individual players were well down on form.

Collingwood used Nicolaides to the best advantage. He was constantly given the ball and supported well. The Collingwood players didn't cramp his space.

High balls that came out of defence were aimed at Tsitses, who played down Nicolaides flank and tried to flick the ball on for him.

Collingwood scored in the first five minutes after a goalmouth scramble, but Box Hill equalised 10 minutes later when Neil Cupid, head home after Scott Patterson had headed against the cross bar from a Ray Taylor corner.

Box Hill defended for long periods, but went in at half time with the score 1-1.

However, Collingwood scored a goal in the first minute of extra time, and that signalled the end of Box Hill.

Collingwood pounced the Box Hill goal, and scored two more goals, although many chances were missed.

Box Hill protested to the Victorian Soccer Federation about the match about the state of Collingwood's ground. The pitch at John Cain Reserve isn't up to First Division standard, but seeing the change rooms are good and the ground is enclosed, there is little that can be done.

MELBOURNE 2 (Juring, own goal) KEILOR CITY (Van Leeuwen 2, Mitre Kraljevski).

KEILOR CITY: Dimopoulos, Trajkovska, Dervusovska, Naumovski, Kulyk, Presliski, Gelevski, (George Scov 46th minute), Kraljevski, Koteksi, Van Leeuwen, Stojevski (Sersovski 2nd half).

The first half saw Keilor City dominate play with Lenny Van Leeuwen, Mitre Kraljevski and Cole Presliski outstanding in midfield.

Keilor City showed fitness and control of the ball, which Melbourne was not able to match.

Tommy Burns Cup semis

RINGWOOD 4 DONCASTER 1

Scores: Ringwood - Green, 2nd and 87th, Kupinic 28th, Varnier 79th. Doncaster - Anseline 41st. Ground: Wimberly Park Box Hill. Crowd: 800 (double header).

RINGWOOD CITY: Sergeant, Parsons, Luyten, Candy, Greenwald, D. O'Farrell, Mitre, O'Callaghan, Green, Kupinic, Tettamanti, injured (Collerton 26th min, Varnier 79th).

DONCASTER Rovers: Allen, Llokis, Tew (Long 82nd min), I. Humble, K. Humble, Copland, Wimberly, A. Forsyth (Blandell half time), R. Forsyth, Anseline, Williams.

Doncaster Rovers paid the penalty for missing several good goal-scoring chances early in the game as Ringwood City took out this Tommy Burns Cup semi-final.

Rovers were shocked by Ian Green's goal in the second minute, but bounced back with determination.

Alan Williams, Robert Forsyth and Mike Anseline missed good chances for the Rovers by the 28th minute. Ringwood had just further ahead through Mike Kupinic.

Anseline made it 2-1 before the interval, but two goals in the last 11 minutes sealed Doncaster's fate. The star for Ringwood was John O'Callaghan, who played in midfield.

Keilor City is now playing with purpose and confidence.

Van Leeuwen opened scoring in the 32nd minute. Skilled Lenny slammed a glorious shot from 15 metres after beating two opponents.

Second goal came in the 75th minute and scorer was again Van Leeuwen, who wasted no time in using excellent opportunity created by Cole Presliski and Vlado Koteuski.

Melbourne's first score came from dubious penalty in the 82nd minute.

Five minutes later Mitre Kraljevski added the score to two, after receiving a good pass from Van Leeuwen.

At the end of the game Dragi Naumovski in a needless effort to clear deflected the ball past goalkeeper Con Dimopoulos, who did not expect his involvement.

DANENONG 1 (POLONIA 0 DANEONG) — Davies, Daniels, Gunn, Parker, Cameron, Fox, Savage, Webb, Buchanan, Holcombe, Quinn.

MARIBYRNONG: Dzialekowska, K. Wozniak, Dimitriou, Herman, Kozak, Horfink, Rachwalski, P. Czajnik, Lakić, J. Pater (78th min), R. Lipiarski, Espósito (Pichner 69th min).

Ponolong suffered its first defeat this season when they were downed by Daneong 1-0 at Daneong on Saturday.

Maribyrnong were forced to make four changes from last week's team as Errol Aristodemou, Felix Szewczenko, Richard Szukalski were all injured and out for the rest of the week under one weeks suspension for being sent off last week. They played Richard Lipiarski who was signed last week from Arden.

Both sides were immediately into attack and the first chance came in the 10th min when Billy Buchanan crossed to Andy Savage but his shot was deflected by Maribyrnong goalie Leszek Dzialekowska against the post. Then Lipiarski's shot from 25 metres was saved by Daneong's goalkeeper Dzialekowska.

In the 18th min, a great run by Peter Czajnik nearly put his side in the lead. He beat four players and unleashed a shot which was inches off target. And just before half-time both sides had chances to score, but both goalies were in good form and were stopping anything that came their way.

Just after the break Brendan Lakic cut the ball from the line to give Ron Horfink a chance, but he freshened his shot. Then Buchanan surged towards goal and only Dzialekowska beat him to it.

The home side hit the front soon afterwards when Brian Holcombe took advantage of a defensive error and his shot gave Dzialekowska no chance.

The game really lifted Daneong and they attacked continuously but Maribyrnong were just



The 1979 Keilor City team: (left to right).

Team manager Mr V. Bozinovski, Vincent Scherripa, Jim Dervusovski, Dragi Naumovski, Stefo Trajkovski, John Serouski, Bob Gelevski, Wally Kulyk, Mitre Kraljevski, Mitre Tasevski, (sitting) Cole Presliski, Toni Jouanouski, Vlado Koteuski, Leonard Van Leeuwen, Kird Surbeuski, Peter Stojevski.

as determined not to concede another goal. The pressure then switched to the Daneong defence as a scissors kick by Mike Pichner just missed a cross by Jimmy Dimitriou.

Caused panic in the home side's defence and Koter's lob just missed with Davies in no man's land.

Daneong's Geoff Daniels was fortunate not to be booked when he committed a so-called "professional" foul on Pichner.

The free was scrambled clear but Maribyrnong still tried only to be stopped by the final whistle.

DOVETON 1 RINGWOOD CITY 1 DOVETON: Ivanoff, McConville, Thurlow, Bray (Jordan), Sweeney, Merrick, Roderick, Bentley, McMinn (Spears), Irvine, Murray.

Doveton and Ringwood City shared the points at Jubilee Park, but Doveton has goalkeeper Lou Ivanoff to thank for keeping out Ringwood in the last 15 minutes.

During that period Ivanoff made several fine saves, which earned him Doveton's man of the match award.

However, at the start of the game it was Ringwood which was defending desperately as Doveton pounced forward. In this early period Doveton scored through Steve Irvine and came close on several occasions.

Ringwood came back into the game in the second part of the half, but Doveton could have gone in at half time three goals in the lead. Ringwood equalised before half time.

The second half was even, but Ringwood surged forward near the end looking for a winner.

Best for Doveton - Ivanoff, Thurlow and Irvine.

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 SPRINGVALE 1 (Lawler)

SPRINGVALE: Wessels, Dalmatich, McArthur, Civiray, Lawler, Baros, Luca, Beard, Chanc, Cloherty (Keoghl).

Springvale bounded back after defeat last week with a gutsy away victory against Western Suburbs.

Many First Division clubs dread playing at Wests' Ralph Street Reserve, but Springvale played with great determination to take two points back to the eastern suburbs.

A goal from captain Don Lawler clinched the game for



Frank McAleer, the new coach of Austria.

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ning 7 — Prys 7, Kalafatidis

7, Baxter 7, Davidson 9 —

Lutton 7, Wright 7, Christ-

opoulos 7 — Drakford 6,

Evans 7, Campbell 6.

This was the start of a new be-

ginning for South Melbourne Hel-

las, although its Heidelberg jinx

prevailed.

In seven matches since the

Philips League started, South

Melbourne has failed to beat Hei-

delberg.

Heidelberg has won four of the

games and drawn three, for a

goal tally of 17 to 9.

In its Philips Cup match last

week, Heidelberg needed a little

luck and some brilliant saves by

YANKA BANOVIC to advance to

the next round.

South Melbourne played with

new spirit and greater determina-

tion under its new coach

DUNCAN MCKAY.

Although disappointed by the

defeat, McKay remained optimis-

"We played very well and

we should have won. It's only

a matter of time before we

start winning regularly again,

"he said.

Heidelberg coach JOHN

MARGARITIS said: "Our plan

was to draw them towards us in

the first half so that we could

counter-attack, but they scored a

goal which was a major set-back."

We had also planned for PAT

BANNON and THEO SEL-

MIDIS to move to the right

in the midfield when we won the

ball. They didn't do this enough,

which meant we often didn't get

enough power from midfield."

It remains to be seen whether

Heidelberg returns permanently

to counter-attack play. Since

JIMMY ROONEY joined the

team, there has been an attempt

to change to a more intricate

style featuring more inter-passing

and one-twos.

Rooney came off during the

second half against South Mel-

bourne and was replaced by

ANDREW BOZIKAS. One of

the match was South Melbourne

youth international ALAN DA-

VIDSON who played left back.

He turned on a whirlwind per-

formance, defending his flank and

also acting as a midfielder every

time he had the space and the

time.

MIKE PYE was at right back

after sitting on the bench all sea-

son. His attacking play provided

the team with a lot more drive

and he was the best

player of the game.

BERTIE LUTTON who had

been transferred two weeks

earlier, was also back. His ex-

perience was of immense benefit

to Heidelberg, whose midfield had

been a problem area.

Missing from the line-up were

FRANK MUNRO who had sus-

pected after being sent off against

Marconi, and DUNCAN

CUMMING who was injured.

Had Cummings been there to

help out ALUN EVANS in the

midfield, he may well have

won this match.

Heidelberg was at full strength,

with JIM CAMPBELL back after

illness and BOB PROVAN at

centre back in place of JIM O'

REILLY. Provan had been

dropped from the previous game

because he had missed a training

session.

ANDREW BOZIKAS who

had replaced Rooney, aimed a

cross to Buljevic who was storm-

ing towards goal on the far side

but Buljevic just failed to connect

with the ball.

Banovic preserved the lead for

Heidelberg when he made two

more fine saves.

The first was from a low shot

from a header from Baxter.

Davidson was getting involved

all over the place. On one of his

many raids forward he side-

stepped two opponents stylishly

and sent a good shot just whis-

ting just over the bar.

At the other end McMillan

played a subtle short pass inside

to Campbell who was run down by

CHRIS KALAFATIDS who had

had a good game as sweeper.

Heidelberg should have made it

3-1 just before the end. Cole

found himself in a perfect position

15 metres from goal, with only

Hansen to beat, but shot straight

at him. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

As usual, Heidelberg's for-

wards, after losing possession, did not pressure the South Mel-

bourne backs, meaning South were allowed to build up leisurely. This was the game down to

fall. Instead of building up so

slowly, Heidelberg should have

done a lot more directly for it was

established early in the match that Hei-

delberg was vulnerable.

After having earlier been shown

the yellow card for a bad tackle,

Theo Selemidis played a fine

pass to Branko Buljevic who

dashed away and cut the ball back

for Gary Cole. However, Cole

was too slow in going for the ball

and Stuart Baxter slid in to clear

with his foot.

Moments later Banovic flew to

the top corner to flick away a

thundering drive from Evans.

Evans also got a hand to the in-

creased ball which was

GOERGE CHRISTOPoulos

goal in the 15th minute, but no

keeper could have stopped it.

Davidson started the move

with a fine long ball to Evans, who

controlled it and laid it back for

Christopoulos to shoot just under

the crossbar.

Campbell regained his goalscor-

ing touch to equalise in the 80th

minute. Ken Taylor took a corner

on the right. Pat Bannon's header

bounced off the post and Camp-

bell was there to put it into the

net. Having looked sluggish

until the equaliser came, Hei-

delberg improved dramatically.

Buljevic played a brilliant

through ball for Cole but the big

striker shot wide from a good

position.

In the 83rd. minute Campbell

found himself at the end of a

McMillan square ball that had

eluded the South Melbourne

defenders. Campbell ran onto the

ball, took it a few strides into the

penalty area and rammed it past

JOHN HANSEN for the winning

goal.

ANDREW BOZIKAS who

had replaced Rooney, aimed a

cross to Buljevic who was storm-

ing towards goal on the far side

but Buljevic just failed to connect

with the ball.

Banovic should have made it

2-2 in the 88th minute but he

missed a header from a corner

kick.

At the other end the ball was

knocked out by Baxter.

He turned on a whirlwind per-

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Next round May 20

Second round matches in the Philips Cup will be played on May 20 in all centres except Melbourne, which will host the Norwich City v. Victoria match on that date.

The Cup matches in Melbourne will be played probably on Wednesday, May 16.

Quarter-finals will be on May 27, semi-finals on August 12 and the final on September 30, the week after the last round of the Philips League.

Second-round matches: Brisbane Lions v. Brisbane City, St. George v. APIA, Sydney City v. Melita Eagles, Sydney Olympic v. Newcastle KB Utd., Canberra City v. Essendon Croatia, Heidelberg Utd. v. Footscray J.U.S.T., Preston-Makedonal v. Adelaide City, Azzurri (SA) v. Kingsway Olympic (WA).

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Scorers: Footscray: Palinkas 21st, Ruljevic 76th; George Cross: Thor 15th.

Ground: Olympic Park.

Weather: Mild and windy.

Crowd: About 8000 (double header).

Referee: Mirkko Ruljevic.

Rating: 5.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 5 — Ristic 5, Kondorics 2, Jovicic 5, Lujic 6 — Iloski 8, Jovanovic 7, Ruljevic 6 — Palinkas 7 (head injury, half time), Osmakovic 6, Ruljevic 5.

GEO. CROSS: Thor 7 — Cutajar 5, Meldstedt 8, Hooper 8, Barron 7 — Mihaud 5, Castello 5 (injured, Sodronics 5, 50th, min), Mifaud 7 — Schleske 5, Miza 5, Thor 7.

A misunderstanding between Joe Palinkas and coach Cedo Girkovic resulted in Palinkas being dropped for the second half.

Kondorics had equalised, Brian Thom's opening goal and without him Footscray lacked thrust after the interval.

George Cross was forced to defend after the first half, aiming for the far post, which he did, but the ball lurking.

Kondorics headed the ball across to the other post, where Ruljevic nodded the ball into the net.

George Cross always looks dangerous in the penalty area because of slack marking by Redondo, Jovicic and poor tackling by Andjela Ristic.

Jovicic rarely picked up a man, even though he was playing in front, and not behind Jim Thor.

When the ball got past him, Jovicic jogged back leisurely as Kondorics fought tooth and nail to make up for the mistake in the first half.

Ristic, at first, lunged at people with wild tackles that often missed, leaving him sprawled on

the ground, watching opponents dash away unimpeded.

That's how George Cross got his opening goal, but he was missed.

Brian Thom, who was going down the left, faked a pass from Ray Mizell.

With Ristic cut out of the play, Thom ran unopposed into the penalty area.

Standing at the far post, Thom appeared to have little chance of scoring. Indeed, he was probably looking for a man to whom he could cut the ball back.

But there was no-one there to help, so he shot low at the narrowest of angles. Somehow, the ball went under.

But there was no-one there to help.

But there was

Three clubs to get new blood

Three Victorian State League clubs sitting in the bottom half of the ladder are hoping their newly imported players will make a difference in the next few weeks.

George Cross, Croydon City and Juventus have had indifferent starts to the 1979 season, but the inclusion of new players could turn the tide.

Croydon, which has imported four players in the past year, is awaiting the arrival of the fifth. He's Peter Lougane, a winger from English club Shrewsbury.

Lougane did an apprenticeship with Manchester Utd, and spent several seasons playing first team for Shrewsbury.

He will join Harry McKinlay, who joined Croydon from Scottish League club Cowdenbeath. McKinlay is yet to play for Croydon, but is sure to make his debut soon.

Croydon's other imported players are Dave Brogan, Jimmy Spark, and Duncan Smith.

George Cross has had troubles obtaining a clearance for import Michael Wilson. Wilson, from Scottish junior league club Dunipace, has been in Australia a month, but is yet to play a full game.

He made an appearance as a substitute against Essendon Crocs because the Victorian Soccer Federation granted him registration pending a clearance.

The clearance hasn't come through, so the VSF has withdrawn his passport. It's reported Dunipace and the league in which the club plays, have refused a clearance, although no reasons have been given.

However, George Cross vice-president Alf Zahra is confident Wilson's clearance will be forthcoming soon.

Wilson will be joined by Tony Cowan from English club Dunstable Town. Cowan is expected to arrive in Australia shortly. Apparently Cowan has been amongst the top goal-scorers in the English Southern League for several seasons.

Juventus recently transfer-listed three players, but will 'balance the books' with the signing of two players.

Mick Watkins, the ace winger who played with the club last season, will make a return. Watkins didn't have a happy time last season, and so returned to England. However, in 1977 he won the Bill Fleming Medal, and Juventus is hopeful he will be able to recapture that form and form a deadly combination with George Gillan and Bobby McGuinness in the Juve front line.

Joining Watkins will be Stefano Tucci from top Italian club AS Roma.

Tucci is 21 years old, and can play midfield or forward. He played as a junior in Roma's cadet teams, before joining Second Division club Pistoiese on loan.

However, Juve's imports will have a tough debut if they arrive this week. Juve is drawn to play Preston Makedonia at Olympic Park.

It will be a tough game for Juventus, because Preston is in form at the moment, scoring a total of nine goals in games against White Eagles and Altona City last week.

Preston's strength is its forward line, which boasts George McMillan, Robert Cullen and Gary Ward. The Juve defence will be kept busy, and goalkeeper Jack Reilly will have to be top form.

Croydon, which won its first league game last week against Albion, takes on George Cross at Croydon Park.

Both sides may include their new players. The game is of great importance as a win would push either club to the verge of the top four.

Croydon has the individuals, but they haven't been teaming together well of late. The likes of Trent, Lowrey and Brogan will worry George Cross, which will obviously use tactics to cover these players. However, the inclusion of McKinlay or Lougane may further affect Croydon's team work, as both players are not used to their new team mates.

The Cross has been playing tightly as a team, but unlike Croydon, lacks the individuals to score goals and capitalise on build ups. The defence of Derek Barron, Gary Hooper, Norm Maitland and Phil Cutajar is solid, but the George Cross midfield is too defensive.

Wilson and Cowan are ball players who will boost George Cross.

In other games, Hakoah St. Kilda will be chasing confidence-boosting points against the struggling Albion.

Altona City will be hoping to bounce back against Makedonia after going down 0-3 to Preston. Altona might get a result to stay in the hunt for the top place, but Croatia is in no mood for charity.

Frankston could stretch its unbeaten run in the league to five games with a victory over Green Gully Jax.

Ajax was woeful last week, and may still be suffering a hangover when it faces Frankston at Green Gully Reserve.

In-form Sunshine travels to the western suburbs to meet Sunshine City. Although Sunshine was good in victory over Ajax last week, Sunshine could be a different proposition.

THIS WEEKS' GAMES — likely winners in capitals — CROYDON v George Cross, HAKOAH v Albion, CROATIA v Altona, MAKEDONIA v Juventus, CROATIA v Green Gully, SLAVIA v Sunshine.

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the ball out of his net on four occasions.

Slavia always had the pace and sharpness when going forward, and worried Juve. Steve Aldridge for once was rewarded for his hard work with goals, and his partner in crime Jamie Paton chipped in a goal.

The other goal came from Brian Monaghan, who is cementing a regular place in the Slavia team with some impressive displays. It says a lot for Slavia's strength up front that Monaghan is forced to play in midfield to get a game.

Many other State League clubs could use Monaghan's striking power.

Winger Jim Williams had a good game, causing constant trouble with his close ball control and acceleration.

Missing from the Slavia line up was John Yzendoorn, the Victorian and future Socceroo sweeper.

Yzendoorn has been carrying a groin injury for several weeks, including in Victoria's game against South Australia in Adelaide.

Unfortunately, the injury has not improved greatly, so Yzendoorn was rested so the damaged muscle can recover.

Juventus clear-out

Keilor Austria has shown interest in transfer-listed Juventus goalkeeper Hugh Graham.

Graham, along with midfielder Charlie Smith and defender Jim Symington, was put on the transfer list last week.

Juventus wants \$2,000 for

Graham, \$3,000 for Smith and around \$2,500 for Symington.

The sacking of Graham makes

senior Juventus already

have two goalkeepers — Jack Reilly

and Terry Hawke.

But the dropping of Symington

and Smith is a surprise. Juventus

hasn't got ready-make replacements.

The players were told the club

wanted to re-coup some of the

\$20,000 it has spent on transfers

this season by selling them.

However, Smith believes a

pressure group within the club

worked to get him out of the club.

"It's an annual threat at Juve-

ventus that I get the blame when

things go wrong," said Smith.

Symington believes Juventus

will have to pay himself and

Smith basic wages until the time

they are transferred.

"We haven't done anything

wrong," said Symington, "so it

will be the club that breaches

contract and doesn't pay us."

Graham is not under contract

to Juventus.

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Mike Plunkett has resigned as coach of Victorian State League team Croydon City and has been replaced by Norm Hobson.

Plunkett told his players of his decision and of Hobson's appointment at training last Thursday night after conferring with the Croydon committee earlier in the week.

Both Plunkett and Croydon described the parting as amicable, but the appearance of Hobson cast a shadow of doubt over the whole affair. "Soccer Action" received strong reports at the end of the 1978 season that Hobson would coach Croydon this season.

The reports looked to be astray when Plunkett was re-appointed and Hobson stayed with Metropolitan League club Doncaster.

Hobson for Plunkett

Hobson's resignation at Doncaster three weeks ago and his immediate appointment at Croydon last week were wood for the fire.

Plunkett, however, denies he was pressured to step down, and Croydon spokesman Dave Badcock reiterates, saying Plunkett resigned on his own accord.

"I found it hard to get enthusiastic about the job this season," said Mike. "The third year as a coach is hard. I decided to get out now. The players will be helped by a new face."

MAKEDONIA 3 ALTONA 0

Scorers: Cullen 70th, McMillan 74th, Ward 86th
Ground: B.T. Connor Reserve, Preston.

MAKEDONIA: Kastor, Rainey, Garthwaite, Higham, Beach, Flavelle, McMillan (injured) (Maslikowski), Leibnir, Cullen, Tuffield (Browerton), Ward.

ALTONA CITY: van der Peel, Lewis, Murray, Hird, Train, Caw, Whyte, J. Little, Cozzella (Innes), Ignatidis (Kelly), Taylor.

Preston Makedonia hid star striker George McMillan in the midfield before unleashing him in the last 25 minutes, a move which won the game for Preston.

Monaro's injury and Preston coach Tony Vrzina decided to keep McMillan in midfield where he wouldn't get as much attention from close-marking defenders as he would playing up front.

When Altona showed signs of tiring after pushing hard at Makedonia for all the game, McMillan was switched to the forward line with devastating effect.

CROATIA 2 HAKOAH 0



Dave Nelson

SUNSHINE 3 AJAX 0

Scorers: D. Nelson (2) 46th, 85th, Mussel 74th

Ground: Green Gully Reserve, St. Albans.

SUNSHINE CITY: Clarke, Dixey, Lowe, Ellis, Morovic, Mussel, Howe, R. Nelson, Paisley, Laing, D. Nelson.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Donaldson, Patten, Klarin, Klein, Vojtek, Vassallo, McCarthy, Carr (sent off at 35th min), Cain.

The sending off of striker Steve Carr caused Green Gully Ajax to plunge into disarray against Sunshine.

Ajax looked flat and unimpressive once Carr was given the red card by referee Bob Henderson. Green Gully didn't look like troubling Sunshine.

Carr was ordered off for allegedly punching young Sunshine full back Dennis Morovic.

Sunshine was first to the ball, and although its passing was poor in the first half, played with greater forcefulness.

Ajax couldn't string together passes, and lacked the determination to push forward and worry Sunshine.

Once Sunshine's distribution improved after the interval, the points were in the bag.

In the midfield the strength of Rob Nelson, Frank Mussel and Hugh Howe was decisive.

Any hopes Gully had of salvaging a point or two were swept away when Dave Nelson scored a minute after the restart.

Later, Lou Denys sold a goal by dropping a ball at the feet of Frank Mussel six yards out.

For good measure, Sunshine scored a third near the end of the game when Paisley crossed for Dave Nelson to score.

Whyte, Gilder lead voting

This week's votes in the 'Soccer Action' Victorian State League player of the year award.

AJAX v. SUNSHINE

3 D. Nelson (Suns)

1 Paisley (Suns)

SLAVIA v. JUVENTUS

3 Williams (Slav)

2 Aldridge (Slav)

1 Pye (Slav)

MAKEDONIA v. ALTONA

3 Cullen (Mak)

2 Whyte (Alt)

1 Rainey (Mak)

FRANKSTON v. GEO. CROSS

3 G. Bannon (Franks)

2 Adams (Franks)

1 Hooper (Gee)

CROATIA v. HAKOAH

3 Murphy (Cro)

2 Gilder (Cro)

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ALBION v. CROYDON

3 Blair (Alb)

2 Edwards (Croy)

1 Pongho (Croy)

PROVISIONAL voting -

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